



**AMHERST TOWN WARRANT  
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 14, 2023**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Amherst in the County of Hillsborough and the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified that the Annual Meeting of Amherst will be held in accordance with NH RSA 40:13. The first session, to transact all business other than voting, is on Wednesday, February 8, 2023, at 7:00 PM at the Souhegan High School Auditorium. The second session, voting by official ballot at the polls, is on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at the Souhegan High School from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

**ARTICLE 21:** To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing terms as follows:

**1 Selectmen for 3 Years**

**1 Town Clerk for 3 Years**

**1 Cemetery Trustee for 3 Years**

**2 Library Trustees for 3 Years**

**2 Planning Board Members for 3 Years**

**1 Planning Board Member for 1 Year**

**1 Trustee of the Trust Funds for 3 Years**

**2 Zoning Board of Adjustment Members for 3 Years**

**ARTICLE 22: Operating Budget**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth herein, totaling **\$15,889,910**. Should this article be defeated the default budget shall be **\$15,650,729** which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. This operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations contained in any other warrant article. (Tax Impact =\$4.14) (Majority vote required)

*(The Board of Selectmen supports this article by a vote of 5-0-0.)*

*(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 7-0-0.)*

**ARTICLE 23: Contingency Fund**

Shall the Town vote to establish a contingency fund for the current year, in accordance with NH RSA Section 31:98-a, for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred twenty thousand dollars (**\$120,000**) to go into the fund. Said sum shall come from the unassigned fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation. Any appropriation left in the fund at the end of the year will lapse to the general fund. (Tax Impact = \$0.00) (Majority vote required)

*(The Board of Selectmen supports this article by a vote of 5-0-0.)*

*(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 7-0-0.)*

**ARTICLE 24: Baboosic Lake Septic Operating Budget**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$69,040**, for operating and maintaining the Baboosic Lake Septic System for the ensuing year, said sum is to be offset by user fees. Should this article be defeated the default budget shall be **\$69,080** which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law. (Tax Impact = \$0.00) (Majority vote required)

*(The Board of Selectmen supports this article by a vote of 5-0-0.)*

*(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 7-0-0.)*

**ARTICLE 25: Communications Center Capital Reserve Fund**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (**\$25,000**) to be added to the Communications Center Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. (Tax Impact = \$0.01) (Majority vote required)

*(The Board of Selectmen supports this article by a vote of 5-0-0.)*

*(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 7-0-0.)*

**ARTICLE 26: Assessing Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (**\$25,000**) to be added to the Assessing Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. (Tax Impact = \$0.01) (Majority vote required)

*(The Board of Selectmen supports this article by a vote of 5-0-0.)*

*(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 7-0-0.)*

**ARTICLE 27: Bridge Repair and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (**\$200,000**) to be added to the Bridge Repair and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. (Tax Impact = \$0.08) (Majority vote required)

*(The Board of Selectmen supports this article by a vote of 5-0-0.)*

*(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 7-0-0.)*

**ARTICLE 28: Fire Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Purchase and Repair Capital Reserve Fund**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred fifty-seven thousand dollars (**\$257,000**) to be added to the Fire Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Purchase and Repair Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. (Tax Impact = \$0.11) (Majority vote required)

*(The Board of Selectmen supports this article by a vote of 5-0-0.)*

*(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 7-0-0.)*

**ARTICLE 29: DPW Vehicles and Equipment Acquisition and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred twenty thousand dollars (**\$120,000**) to be added to the DPW Vehicles and Equipment Acquisition and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. (Tax Impact = \$0.05) (Majority vote required)

*(The Board of Selectmen supports this article by a vote of 5-0-0)*

*(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 7-0-0.)*

**ARTICLE 30: Amherst Multimodal Facilities Capital Reserve Fund**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (**\$75,000**) to be added to the Amherst Multimodal Facilities Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. (Tax Impact = \$0.03) (Majority vote required)

*(The Board of Selectmen supports this article by a vote of 5-0-0)*

*(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 7-0-0.)*

**ARTICLE 31: Recreation Fields Acquisition and Construction Capital Reserve Fund**

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (**\$30,000**) to be added to the Recreation Fields Acquisition and Construction Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. (Tax Impact = \$0.01) (Majority vote required)

*(The Board of Selectmen supports this article by a vote of 5-0-0.)*

*(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 7-0-0.)*

**ARTICLE 32: Readoption of Veterans Tax Credits**

Shall the Town vote in accordance with RSA 72:27-a to readopt the provisions of RSA 72:28, II, previously adopted, for an annual Optional Veterans' Tax Credit in the amount of \$500. If readopted, the annual All Veterans' Tax Credit, previously adopted, will also be \$500, the same amount as the Optional Veterans Tax Credit. If readopted and approved, this article shall take effect for the 2023 property tax year. (Tax Impact= \$0.00) (Majority vote required)

*(The Board of Selectmen supports this article by a vote of 4-0-0.)*

*(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 7-0-0.)*

**ARTICLE 33: Elderly and Disabled Exemption**

Shall the Town vote to modify the maximum annual income amount to qualify for the elderly and disabled exemption from property tax, previously established, to be as follows: a net income of not more than \$54,300 (formerly \$49,960) for a single person, or if married, a combined net income of less than \$73,325 (formerly \$67,640) in accordance with RSA 72:39-a. (Tax Impact = \$0.00) (Majority vote required)

*(The Board of Selectmen supports this article by a vote of 5-0-0.)*

*(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 7-0-0.)*

**ARTICLE 34: Budget Preparation**

Shall the Town vote to require that the annual budget and all special warrant articles having a tax impact, as determined by the governing body, shall contain a notation stating the estimated tax impact of the article. The determination of the estimated tax impact shall be subject to approval by the governing body.  
(No Tax Impact) (Majority vote required)

*(The Board of Selectmen supports this article by a vote of 5-0-0.)*

*(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 7-0-0.)*

**ARTICLE 35: Appointment of a Town Treasurer**

Shall the Town vote to change the office of Town Treasurer from an elected position to an appointed position in accordance with RSA 41:26-e. Such appointment shall be made in accordance with RSA 669:17-d by the Board of Selectmen. Such appointment shall be made in writing and shall include the compensation to be paid. If approved the person holding the elected office shall continue to hold such office until the next annual town election following the vote. (No Tax Impact) (Majority vote required)

*(The Board of Selectmen supports this article by a vote of 4-1-0.)*

**ARTICLE 36: Tax Cap – PETITION WARRANT ARTICLE**

Shall the Town adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5-b, and implement a tax cap whereby the governing body (or budget committee) shall not submit a recommended budget that increases the amount to be raised by local taxes, based on the prior fiscal year's actual amount of local taxes raised, by more than the lesser of (a) 2% (two percent); or (b) the annual percentage increase in the U.S. Consumer Price Index – All Urban Consumers for the Northeast, published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, as of the month of December of the immediately-preceding year? (3/5 Majority Vote Required).

*(The Board of Selectmen does not support this article by a vote of 0-5-0.)*

*(The Ways and Means Committee does not support this article by a vote of 0-7-0.)*

**ARTICLE 37: Regulation of Noise Ordinance – PETITION WARRANT ARTICLE**

Are you in favor of the adoption of the ordinance as proposed by citizen petition, which is summarized as permitted under NH RSA 40:13 (VI), as follows: an ordinance to prohibit noises judged to be excessive, unnecessary, or unusually loud; exempting some noises dependent on the type of activity producing the noise, the location of the source of the noise, the intensity of the noise, or the time during which the noise is emitted; and establishing monetary fines for violations? (Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 38: Scenic Road – Christian Hill Road – PETITION WARRANT ARTICLE**

Shall the Town vote to designate Christian Hill Road, from the corner of Davis Lane/Foundry Street to Route 13, a Scenic Road per RSA 231:157. (No Tax Impact) (Majority vote required)